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SUBJECT: NORDIC FOREIGN MINISTERS' STATEMENT ON UK/US RHODESIA
PLAN AND ON GENERAL SOUTHERN AFRICA SITUATION

REF: STATE 206698

1. THE NORDIC FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING IN HELSINKI
SEPTEMBER 1-2 ISSUED A COMMUNIQUE CONTAINING THE FOLLOWING
STATEMENT ON UK/US RHODESIAN PROPOSALS:

"THE NORDIC COUNTRIES SUPPORT THE ON-GOING EFFORTS TO FIND
A PEACEFUL SOLUTION TO THE ZIMBABWE PROBLEM. THEY WELCOME
WITH SATISFACTION THE OBJECTIVE OF THE CURRENT BRITISH
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PROPOSAL PRESENTED WITH THE SUPPORT OF THE UNITED STATES.
THEY DECLARE THEMSELVES READY TO ASSIST, WITHIN THE
FRAMEWORK OF THE UN, IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A
PEACEFUL SOLUTION."

2. IN OTHER PARAGRAPHS ON THE SOUTHERN AFRICA SITUATION,
THE NORDIC FOREIGN MINISTERS: REAFFIRMED THE POLICY

OF THE NORDIC COUNTRIES TOWARD SOUTHERN AFRICA AS
ENUNCIATED AT THE AUGUST 1976 FOREIGN
MINISTERS MEETING IN COPENHAGEN; EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER
REPORTS THAT SOUTH AFRICA HAD PLANNED A NUCLEAR
EXPLOSION; CHARGED THAT SOUTH AFRICA BEARS THE
PRINCIPAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE EXPLOSIVE
SITUATION IN SOUTHERN AFRICA THROUGH ITS BRUTAL
REPRESSION OF THE MAJORITY OF ITS CITIZENS, ITS POLICY
OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION, ITS SUPPORT OF THE RHODESIA
MINORITY REGIME, ITS DEFIANCE OF UN SANCTIONS AGAINST
RHODESIA AND ITS ILLEGAL OCCUPATION OF NAMIBIA;
EXPRESSED NORDIC SOLIDARITY WITH THE STRUGGLE OF
THE AFRICAN PEOPLE AGAINST APARTHEID; AND ANNOUNCED
THEIR DECISION TO ESTABLISH A WORKING GROUP TO
INVESTIGATE THE POSSIBILITIES OF A JOINT ACTION PROGRAM
FOR WIDENED ECONOMIC MEASURES AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA.

3. CONCERNING NAMIBIA, THE MINISTERS EXPRESSED SUPPORT
FOR A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF THE NAMIBIA QUESTION
WITH THE OBJECTIVE OF NAMIBIAN INDEPENDENCE IN 1978;
CALLED SWAPO PARTICIPATION CRUCIAL FOR A PEACEFUL
TRANSITION TO MAJORITY RULE; AND EXPRESSED THE
NORDIC COUNTRIES' READINESS TO OFFER THEIR SERVICES
WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE UN TO FACILITATE A PEACEFUL
TRANSITION.

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4. OTHER POINTS CONTAINED IN THE NORDIC FOREIGN
MINISTERS' COMMUNIQUE ARE BEING REPORTED SEPTTEL.
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